



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JUNE 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Councilmembers Debbie Bertlin, Jane Brahm, Tana Senn, Benson Wong, Deputy Mayor Dan Grausz, and Mayor Bruce Bassett were present. Councilmember Mike Cero was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Bertlin to:

Amend the agenda to add an item to discuss the next steps regarding the KCLS Mercer Island Library Renovation as the first item of Regular Business.

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

APPEARANCES

The following individuals spoke about the KCLS Mercer Island Library Renovation Project and recent decisions about the project at the KCLS Board meeting:

- Sarah Petrie, 4640 East Mercer Way
- Gary Robinson, 6026 East Mercer Way
- Al Lippert, 4052 94th Ave SE
- Tami Szerlip, 7804 SE 40th Street

Laurie Falterman, 4314 East Mercer Way, requested that the Council provide another room at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center for art. She asked the Council to help find a location at the Community Center for the sculpture group as the art room was closed for a preschool.

Marc Berejka, 8125 SE 29th Street, spoke about residents not having any notice of the change to remove language regarding the Lakeridge Elementary rezone. He believes that all of the work on consensus regarding the school district rezoning was undone when Lakeridge Elementary was removed from the ordinance. He stated that the Council's actions were unfair and violated the process.

Marie Bender, 7890 81st Place SE, stated that when the Council voted to remand zoning for Lakeridge back to the Planning Commission, the Council undid negotiations between the neighbors and the School District. She noted that Council directed staff to have either a 45 or 65 foot setback and believes that the School District is not listening to Council's directive. She is concerned about the process, but is willing to continue discussions with the District to resolve the setback issues.

Claire Faltesek, 20825 80th Ave W, Edmonds, encouraged the Council to support the continuation of an art room at the Community Center. She noted that they are facing a summer deadline and need a place to store their equipment until a permanent place is found.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Deputy Mayor Grausz requested removal of AB 4972: Third Extension Agreement to Interlocal Agreement with Mercer Island School District Concerning the Operation of the Mary Wayte Pool (2015-2025) and Councilmember Wong requested removal of AB 4955: Interlocal Agreement with Chelan County Regional Justice Center from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Bassett moved them to the first items of Regular Business.

Payables: \$106,629.69 (05/15/14) & \$946,404.73 (05/22/14)

Recommendation: Certify that the materials or services hereinbefore specified have been received and that all warrant numbers listed are approved for payment.

Payroll: \$724,243.95 (05/30/14)

Recommendation: Certify that the materials or services specified have been received and that all fund warrants are approved for payment.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Brahm to:

Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 4972 Third Extension Agreement to Interlocal Agreement with Mercer Island School District Concerning the Operation of the Mary Wayte Pool (2015-2025)

Deputy Mayor Grausz noted that the proposed version is a better agreement that will guide the City and the District to a continued, strong working relationship vis-à-vis the Mary Wayte Pool.

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Brahm to:

Authorize the City Manager to sign the Third Extension Agreement to the Mary Wayte Pool Interlocal Agreement with the Mercer Island School District for the operation of the Mary Wayte Pool from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2024.

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

AB 4955 Interlocal Agreement with Chelan County Regional Justice Center

Councilmember Wong noted that at the Public Safety meeting, Council and staff discussed that if an inmate stayed at the facility longer than 10 days the transport fee would be waived. Police Department Services Commander Leslie Burns stated that she spoke to the County and they agreed to allow the City to amend the interlocal to include this language.

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Bertlin to:

Authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement, as amended by staff, between the City of Mercer Island and the Chelan County Regional Justice Center (CCRJC) relating to jail services.

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

No AB Mercer Island Library Remodel Update

Deputy Mayor Grausz provided a history of the City's work to propose changes to the KCLS Mercer Island Library Remodel Project.

Councilmember Bertlin and Deputy Mayor Grausz recommended that Councilmember Bertlin, Councilmember Wong, Deputy Mayor Grausz and City staff write a letter to the KCLS Board and KCLS staff indicating concerns and outstanding issues with the library design and elements. The letter would state that the City expects to be consulted and provided an opportunity to give input about further design elements, and that KCLS will provide monthly updates to the City regarding the project.

Councilmember Senn suggested that City Manager Treat engage with KCLS staff. City Manager Treat responded that he supports the effort for staffs to meet and help facilitate further discussions regarding the project.

AB 4973 Zoning Code Text Amendments Related to Public Schools (2nd Reading & Adoption)

Development Services Director Scott Greenberg presented an ordinance for second reading and adoption to approve a series of code text amendments to MICC Title 19 for public schools (except Lakeridge Elementary, which the Council removed from the ordinance during first reading) in the Public Institution (P) zone. Director Greenberg also:

1. Clarified setback from the storm drainage facility along the west side of Islander Middle School;
2. Clarified that fire lanes allowed in the additional 5% impervious surface calculation can be impervious;
3. Provided criteria to be used by the Code Official, City Engineer and Design Commission for reduction of required parking; and
4. Determined which structures would become nonconforming under the proposed Ordinance, and clarified existing rules related to nonconforming structures.

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Bertlin to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 14C-06 amending MICC 19.05.010, MICC 19.05.020(C), MICC 19.12.040(B)(7), and MICC 19.12.080(B) to change requirements for public school uses as amended.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Grausz to:

Amend main motion as follows:

Add the following language as the ninth WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the City Council decided, after receiving a request from the Mercer Island School District, to remand to the Planning Commission for further deliberation the application of the proposed development code text amendments as they were proposed for Lakeridge Elementary School; and

Motion to Amend Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Senn to:

Amend main motion as follows:

Amend the tenth WHEREAS as follows:

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Ordinance, the Mercer Island School District schools referred to by name in Section 3 below are located on the following King County Assessors parcels:

Lakeridge Elementary (#2524049015), Islander Middle School (#2524049144 and #2524049320), Island Park Elementary (#1924059040), West Mercer Elementary (#9365700100), New Elementary School No. 4 (#1824059006) and Mercer Island High School (#1824059005); and

Motion to Amend Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Wong to:

Amend main motion as follows:

Amend MICC 19.05.010(F)(2) (Ordinance Section 3) as follows:

2. Impervious Surface: Maximum allowable coverage with impervious surface is 55% for elementary and middle schools and 63% for the High School mega-block. An additional 5% of impervious surface coverage is allowed if the additional coverage is synthetic turf fields that allow for water percolation; pervious concrete, pervious asphalt or pervious pavers in areas not designed for vehicular use; or pervious or impervious fire lanes not available for general public use.

Motion to Amend Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Bertlin to:

Amend main motion as follows:

Amend MICC 19.05.020(C)(2) (Ordinance Section 4) as follows:

2. Public elementary and middle schools shall provide a minimum of two parking spaces per classroom. Public high schools shall provide a minimum of one parking space per classroom with high schools providing plus an additional one parking space per 10 students. If the parking spaces that would need to be provided as specified above are in excess of the actual parking demands of the school's staff, students, and visitors, the Code Official may allow a reduction in minimum parking requirements based on a parking analysis prepared by a qualified professional.

with the approval of the City Engineer and the design commission, for projects reviewable by the design commission.

Motion to Amend Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

Main Motion as Amended Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

AB 4974 School Property Rezones (2nd Reading & Adoption)

Development Services Director Scott Greenberg presented an ordinance for second reading and adoption to approve of a series of rezones affecting all properties owned by the Mercer Island School District (except Lakeridge Elementary, which the Council removed from the ordinance during first reading) and one private property adjacent to West Mercer Elementary. The proposed rezones change the zoning of each school site from Single-Family Residential to the P zone and change the zoning of the private property from R-9.5 to R-15.

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Wong to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 14C-07 amending the zoning map (MICC Title 19) designation of certain properties as specifically described from R-9.6 and R-15 Single Family Residential to P, Public Institution; and from R-9.6 to R-15 Single Family Residential as amended.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Grausz to:

Amend main motion as follows:

Add the following language before the last WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the City Council decided, after receiving a request from the Mercer Island School District, to remand to the Planning Commission for further deliberation the application of the proposed rezone as it was proposed for Lakeridge Elementary School; and

Motion to Amend Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Wong to:

Amend main motion to add the following language before the last WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the PEAK facility was developed under a Conditional Use Permit and rezoning of the school property does not relieve PEAK of its rights and obligations under the Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to Amend Passed 5-0

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Cero, Senn)

Main Motion as Amended Passed 5-0

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Grausz, Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Cero, Senn)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

Councilmember Cero's absence was excused.

Councilmember Bertlin will be absent July 21.

Planning Schedule

City Manager Treat noted that the CIP and TIP are on the agenda for June 16 and that the Mini-Planning Session will be held on June 14 at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.

Councilmember Brahm asked about announcing the Citizen of the Year.

Board Appointments

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Bertlin to:

Confirm the Mayor's 2014 Board & Commission appointments as follows:

Arts Council

Mireya Lewin, Position 9, Term 2018
 Susan Szafir, Position 10, Term 2018
 Karen Kaser, Position 11, Term 2018

Open Space Conservancy Trust Board

Robin Christy, Position 2, Term 2018
 Joel Wachs, Position 4, Term 2018

Utility Board

Wendy Weiker, Position 6, Term 2018
 Tom DeBoer, Position 7, Term 2018

Design Commission

Colin Brandt, Position 7, Term 2018
 Daniel Hubbell, Position 4, Term 2016

Planning Commission

David McCann, Position 6, Term 2018
 Richard Weinman, Position 7, Term 2018

Youth & Family Services Advisory Board (Adult)

Linda Paddor, Position 5, Term 2016
 Charles Neff, Position 9, Term 2017
 Susan Morrisson, Position 10, Term 2017
 Teri Jones, Position 11, Term 2017
 Mary Lloyd, Position 12, Term 2017

Youth & Family Services Advisory Board (Youth)

Cole Comstock, Term 2016
 Zack Gottesman, Term 2016
 Jessica Waller, Term 2016
 Leann Tse, Term 2016
 Nithila Raman, Term 2016
 Rose Weiker, Term 2016

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Berlin, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Cero)

Councilmember Senn thanked applicants for applying, thanked those who have served and welcomed the new members to the boards and commissions.

Mayor Bassett noted that there were some boards where there were not enough applicants to fill the vacancies and on several boards, there were more applicants than positions. He noted the difficulty in balancing whom to appoint to each position.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Brahm spoke about the recent SCA dinner with Governor Inslee. She also spoke about leading a 2nd grade tour at City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Grausz spoke about the SCA PIC meeting and the PSRC annual meeting and dinner. He noted that PSRC gave awards to various communities for development projects and that Mercer Island may have some opportunities to get awards and take advantage of funding opportunities.

Councilmember Berlin spoke about the GMPC meeting discussion regarding greenhouse gas emissions standards and school boundaries issues. She also spoke about the Public Safety Subcommittee meeting discussions regarding the new jail contract, the project proposal to build a carport for police cars made out of solar panels and the move to the 12-hour shift for police patrol. She commended Parks and Recreation staff for securing grant funding for the Calkins Point Restoration project.

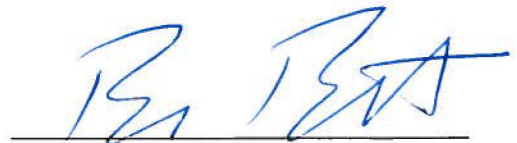
Councilmember Senn spoke about the recent community meeting with residents and businesses regarding the Town Center vision and the discussion about where we are now and where we want to be.

Councilmember Wong spoke about emails he received regarding the Town Center vision meeting and is encouraged by the engaged citizenry. He also noted that the Public Safety Subcommittee was provided an update on the change to 12-hour shifts for police patrol.

Mayor Bassett spoke about leading 2nd grade tours at City Hall and the awarding of the grant for the Calkins Point Restoration project.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.


 Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:


 Allison Spietz, City Clerk